

FORM 13. Informal Brief (Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Cases)

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

_____ v. _____

No. _____

INFORMAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT

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1. Have you ever had another case in this court? ____ Yes ____ No If so, state the name and number of each case.

2. Did the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims decision involve the validity or interpretation of a statute or regulation? ____ Yes ____ No If so, what are your arguments concerning those issues? (Refer to paragraph 7 of the Guide.)

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4. Did the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims fail to decide any other issue correctly? ____ Yes ____ No If so, how?

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5. Are there other arguments you wish to make? ____ Yes ____ No If so, what are the arguments?

6. What action do you want the court to take in this case?

7. Do you want to argue before the court in person? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, what are the reasons why argument will aid the court? (Refer to paragraph 15 of the Guide.)

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